

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9-13, 18-20 and 23-51 are presently pending. In the Advisory Action dated November 27, 2006, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 43, 44, and 46. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 9-13, 18-20, 23-42, 45, and 47-49 are allowable. Claims 50 and 51 were objected to. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable subject matter.

On December 21, 2006, Applicant's representative called the Examiner to discuss claims 50 and 51. The Examiner indicated that claims 50 and 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and all intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 43 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 44 and 50. Claim 51 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 43 and 44.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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